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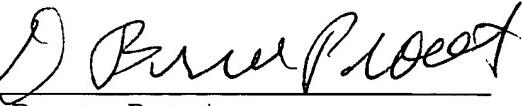
Please note that the correct designation of this application should be a "divisional" of U.S. Application No. 10,460,895, filed June 12, 2003.

Please update the records of the Patent Office to reflect this change.

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For your information, the enclosed Preliminary Amendment has been filed, via facsimile, with Examiner Kim.

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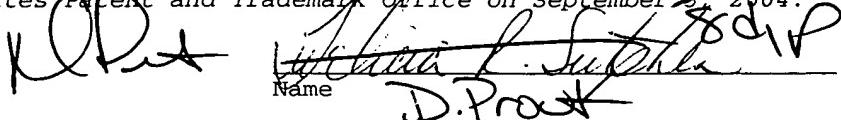
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Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 3 of this paper.

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Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph after Cross Reference to Related Application(s) as follows:

-- This Application is a Continuation Division of U.S. Application No. 10/460,895, filed June 12, 2003, which is a divisional of U.S. Application No. 09/546,917 filed April 11, 2000, which claims priority of Japanese patent Application No. Heisei 11 (1999) 145416, filed May 25, 1999. --

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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Please correct the Office records to reflect that the subject application is a division, not a continuation of Application No. 10/460,895.

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